

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/07/2008.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6, 7, 9-63, 65 and 67-91.

3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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4. ☒ SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

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6. ☒ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.

Response to Amendment

The Examiner acknowledges the receipt of the Applicant's amendment filed on 01/07/2008. Claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 32, 34, 63, 65, & 67 have been amended. Claims 5, 8, 64 and 66 have been canceled. **Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-63, 65, and 67-91** are therefore currently pending in the present application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas P. O'Connell on 02/05/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Regarding **claim 19**, replace "The method of claim 8" with --The method of claim 1--.

Regarding **claim 77**, replace "The system of claim 66" with --The system of claim 63--.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Consider **claim 1**, the best prior art of record found during the examination of the present application Kabala (U.S. Patent # 6,539,393) and Chaco et al. (U.S. Patent # RE37,531 E), alone or in combination, fail to specifically disclose, teach, or suggest a method for the wireless

retrieval of information regarding mobile bodies and for disseminating content based on retrieved information, the method comprising the steps of: providing a wireless communication sending unit for being relative to a first mobile body wherein the wireless communication sending unit comprises a means for emitting a signal; providing a wireless communication receiving unit for being retained relative to a second mobile body wherein the wireless communication receiving unit comprises a means for receiving the signal emitted by the wireless communication sending unit; providing a central server for retaining information wherein the central server retains information regarding the first mobile body; providing an identifying association between the wireless communication sending unit and the first mobile body; enabling an emission of an identifying signal from the wireless communication sending units; providing a wireless access point; establishing a wireless local area network arrangement involving the wireless communication sending unit, the wireless communication receiving unit, the central server, and the wireless access point; wherein the wireless communication receiving unit has a display screen for enabling a display of transmitted information regarding the first mobile body; enabling a transmission of information regarding the first mobile body retaining the wireless communication sending unit to the wireless communication receiving unit in response to a receipt of a signal from the wireless communication sending unit retained by the first mobile body by the wireless communication receiving unit; and enabling a display of information received regarding the first mobile body retaining the wireless communication sending unit on the display screen of the wireless communication receiving unit.

Kabala teaches a locator system for locating objects within a facility, comprising a plurality of badges, each having a badge transmitter for wirelessly transmitting a unique

identification code, a database for storing a list of each badge, its identification code and a person or object associated with each badge, and a plurality of transceivers spatially dispersed within the facility, each of the transceivers having a transceiver receive for receiving the identification code and a transceiver transmitter for wirelessly forwarding signals to central processor, the signals including the unique identification code received from said badges, wherein the central processor determines from the signals received from the transceiver the location of the person or object (column 2 lines 13-26).

Chaco et al. teach an object location system for locating and communicating with personnel or objects within a facility. The system comprises a plurality of badges coupled to objects, each of the badges including wireless transmitters for transmitting signals including a unique identification signal; a processor having associated memory and stored programs. The stored programs are executed by the badge processor for controlling badge operations including the control of the wireless transmitter depending upon the processing of the operational parameters. The location system also includes a plurality of receivers disposed at spaced apart areas within the facility; each of the receivers is capable of receiving signals including ID signals transmitted from the wireless transmitters of the badges, and a processor for processing the received information. A central processor receives messages from the plurality of receivers and the messages are periodically processed by the central processor for determining the location of each of the badges (column 2 lines 8-40).

These teachings differ from the claimed invention, therefore, claim 1 of the present application is considered novel and nonobvious over the prior art and, consequently, is allowed.

Claims 2-4, 6-7, and 9-31, which directly or indirectly depend upon claim 1 are therefore considered and nonobvious over the prior art for the reasons explained above and, consequently, are allowed.

Independent **claims 32 and 63** recite similar limitations to claim 1; consequently, in view of the above teachings of Kabala and Chaco et al., claims 32 and 63 are considered novel and nonobvious over the prior art and are allowed. **Claims 33-62** which depend upon claim 32, and **claims 65, and 67-91** which depend upon claim 63, are therefore also considered novel and nonobvious over the prior art for the reasons explained above and consequently are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: see PTO-892 Notice of References Cited.

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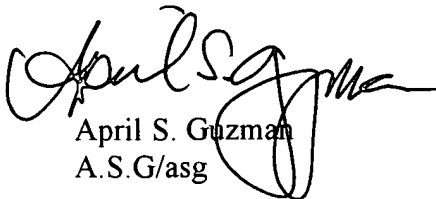
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to April S. Guzman whose telephone number is 571-270-1101. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lana Le can be reached on 571-272-7891. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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